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Attn: Mr. Edward S. Goldberg, Acting Manager,
U.S. Department of Energy
Mr. Dominick J. Sanchini, President and General Manager,
Rockwell International

Dear Messrs. Goldberg and Sanchini:

In a January 13, 1989 meeting and in a February 1, 1989 letter to the Colorado Department of Health, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, ("the Division"), the Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) requested that the Division review the possibility of "clean-closing" the Solar Evaporation Ponds under a RCRA risk assessment. The proposed closure action would involve source removal to risk-based alternate contaminant levels (ACL's) as opposed to RFP's original intention to cap the ponds and close them in place as landfills.

In an April 24, 1989 letter to the facility, the Division addressed RFP's request for risk assessment-based "clean closure." The April 24, 1989 letter contained several conditions and several modifications to the original RFP risk assessment submittal. The letter also stated the Division's intent to proceed with drafting a closure plan for the solar ponds based on closure in place if acceptable ACL's could not be demonstrated.

The Division is currently ready to begin preparation of a closure plan for the solar ponds. To date, RFP has not reported on progress toward risk-assessment closure at the unit. The Division is therefore requesting a progress report outlining RFP's closure intentions. This report should be received by the Division no later than September 11, 1989. It is the Division's intent to begin closure plan preparation if a progress report is not received by this date.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact George Dancik at (303) 331-4842.

Sincerely,

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